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I propose, however, for the present to record the fact that plague exists, on all bills of health given to vessels leaving this place for United States ports.

End of plague at Marseille.

Vice Consul General Morgan reports, September 24, as follows:

Referring to my dispatch No. 118, dated September 15, 1903, I have now the honor to confirm the following cable sent to the Department to-day:

SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington:

Last case plague officially decreed cured.

MORGAN.

I am this day advised by the prefect of this department that all the patients hitherto under treatment for plague in this city are now cured and that the disease no longer exists in the city or its environs. The isolated persons will be returned to their respective homes immediately on the expiration of the period required by law to elapse after the disinfection of the dwelling houses. The foregoing facts will be recorded on bills of health given to vessels departing from this port.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, September 25, 1903, as follows:

Plague.

France.—According to an official statement dated September 14 there had occurred in the infected district of Marseille 14 cases of suspected plague among the employees of the paper factory. Up to the above-mentioned date 4 of the patients had died. The patients were treated in the Salvator Hospital, and in the same place the remainder of the workmen belonging to the factory were kept under medical supervision. During the night from the 9th to the 10th of September the factory was burned down. The disease is supposed to have been introduced through a shipment of rags in which dead rats were found.

Egypt.—Between the 5th and 11th of September there were registered in Egypt 11 fresh cases of plague (and 6 deaths), viz, 1 case and 1 death in Damiette, the remainder in Alexandria.

Hongkong.—During the period from the 1st to the 15th of August there were registered 22 cases of plague (with 20 deaths).

Mauritius.—During the period from the 3d of July to the 6th of August 44 cases of plague occurred on the island (with 32 deaths).

Chile.—Up to the 19th of August there had been registered in Iquique 156 cases of plague, of which 67 ended in death.

Cholera.

Turkey.—According to the official bulletins Nos. 25 and 26, of the 7th and 14th of September, there have been registered in Syria 237 and 136 fresh cases of cholera (and 200 and 117 deaths), respectively.